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SUBJECT: OSCE - DUTCH PARTICIPATION AT CONFERENCE ON  
RACISM, XENOPHOBIA, AND DISCRIMINATION

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1. The Dutch hope to send a delegation to subject conference headed by a cabinet minister, likely Rita Verdonk, Minister for Immigration and Integration, according to Joris Geeven, MFA officer covering the OSCE in the Human Rights Department who spoke with Poloff on August 20. Human Rights Special Ambassador Piet de Klerk will be on the delegation. Geeven was intrigued by the participation of NGOs and universities on the U.S. delegation and said he felt the Dutch could have such representation as well.

2. Geevens promised to find out about Dutch reporting on hate crimes per se, with which he was not familiar. He felt sure that some such reporting would go to Parliament on a yearly basis and that such public reports could be submitted to the OSCE.

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